

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A computer program that when programmed in a computer causes the computer to provide the steps of:
 - a) forming a 1st machine-readable indicia in an image layer on a media; and
 - b) forming a 2nd machine-readable indicia in a protective overlayer that is identical in content to, and in register with said 1st machine-readable indicia, said protective overlayer being substantially transparent so as to allow said first machine readable indicia to be read through said protective overlayer.
2. (currently amended) A method of reading a media, comprising the steps of having indicia formed in a protective overlayer, said indicia having a physical topography that represents a machine readable code comprising the steps of:
 - a) reading the physical topography of said indicia by a machine so as to obtain formation encoded therein; and
 - b) interpreting said encoded information so as to obtain said information:
 - a) providing said media with a first indicia;
 - b) providing a second indicia in a substantially transparent protective overlayer, said second indicia having a physical topography that represents a machine-readable code which is identical in content to and in registration with a machine-readable code on said media;
 - c) reading the physical topography of said second indicia on said overlayer and said first indicia on said media by a machine so as to obtain information coated therein; and
 - d) interpreting said encoded information so as to obtain said encoded information.
3. (New) A method for providing indicia on a media, comprising the steps of:

a) forming a first machine-readable indicia on an image layer on a media; and

b) forming a second machine-readable indicia on a protective substantially transparent overlayer on said image layer on said media, said second indicia being identical in content to and in registration with said first machine-readable indicia.